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The following printed publications are referred to in the body of the specification:

- U.S. Patent No. 5,472,672 to Bennan on 12/5/95
- U.S. Patent No. 5,368,823 to McGraw *et al.* on 11/29/94
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The following references were identified in a search provided by World Patent Services, Inc., Arlington VA. Primary Examiner Jill Warden was consulted by Rick Jordan of WPS for Class verification and suggested Class 422, subclasses 63, 64, 65, 67, 81, 100, 102,

104, 129, 130, 131, 134, 188 and 189. Computer searching using the EAST system was also conducted to include the EPO and JPO collection.

- U.S. Patent No. 6,280,950 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,270,730 ;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,264,891 ;
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- U.S. Patent No. 5,770,157;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,580,523;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,443,791;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0022950;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0007644;
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0001035; and
- U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0000723.

Applicants have become aware of the following printed publications which may be material to the examination of this application:

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- U.S. Patent No. 4,353,989;
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